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Good evening everyone. My name is Janette Rodriguez. I am here this evening to let everyone know what this agency, Connecticut Legal Rights Project, has done for me.

I was on the verge of losing my home. I didn't know the process of an eviction and the agency that had the Zezzo House Complex, that I live in, took advantage that I knew nothing about the process. They told me if I didn't sign the papers that they gave me at court, I would have to leave the premises immediately. So I signed the papers, which only gave me a few weeks to move out.

However, I was told by family and friends to see a lawyer and see what I can do because it seemed that it wasn't right that I needed to vacate ASAP.

I went to the Connecticut Legal Rights Project and they took my case. Sally Zanger was my lawyer. She read my file and noticed that Zezzo House Complex had violated my rights as a tenant. I am able to stay in my home because Connecticut Legal Rights Project took my case.

With this I say that this agency, the Connecticut Legal Rights Project can't be taken out.

I, as a disabled person with physical and mental health need this agency because I, as well as many of the disabled people, need this help. We can't afford a lawyer and this agency is of lots of help to us.